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Taps Sound for Slain Negro GI

By HARRY RAYMOND

FREEPORT, L. I., Feb. 8.—The last three bugle notes of "taps" faded across the broad stretch of the sun-bathed Long Island National Cemetery this afternoon. A casket bearing the body of Pvt. Charles R. Ferguson, U. S. Army Air Corps, was lowered into the ground.

Ferguson, a 27-year-old Negro, had served honorably in the war against fascism. But he did not die as he would have preferred to die, on the field of battle. His young life was snuffed out last Tuesday by a bullet from a service revolver of a Negro-hating policeman.

Yet, as though he had fallen in a military campaign, he was buried with full military honors. A neat flag of his country, supplied by the U. S. Army Quartermaster, was carefully draped over his casket. There was an Army rifle squad. Three volleys were fired. A clergyman said a prayer. Everything was strictly regulation and GI.

WIDOW WEEPS

Standing before the open grave, Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, the widow, wept bitterly. A small group of relatives and neighbors stood with bowed heads. More neighbors would have come. But there was little room in the small caravan of borrowed cars that drove the 17 miles to the cemetery. And some had to stay behind in the Ferguson home to be with little two-year-old Wilfred, three-year-old Richard and Charles, five, children of the dead soldier. They did not know their father was dead.

As the sad little caravan drove back to Freeport, another funeral procession bearing the body of Alfonzo Ferguson, war veteran and brother of Charles, who was likewise shot to death by the trigger-happy cop on that tragic Tuesday, was on its way to another open grave.

Alfonzo's funeral was simple. There were no military trappings. Navy Seaman 3/c Joseph Ferguson, the third brother, who received a bullet wound from the same police gun, stood at the graveside when Alfonzo's body was lowered.

Richard Ferguson, fourth brother at the scene of the killings, did not attend the funerals. He was in Nassau County jail where,



—by Fred Ellis

HIS Mentors

protesting innocence, he was railroaded for 100 days on a disorderly conduct charge. Richard is the one who charged yesterday from his cell that Policeman Joseph Romeika, slayer of his brothers, deliberately killed the two without provocation.

Romeika was whitewashed by local authorities when he said the brothers were "disorderly" and claimed Charles threatened him with a non-existent gun.

CASE NOT CLOSED

Perhaps Mayor Cyril Ryan of Freeport, Police Chief Peter Elar and Nassau County District Attorney James N. Gehrig think the case against Policeman Romeika is a closed book now that the two brothers have been properly buried and the third jailed. But a

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Capitalist Encirclement Still Menace, Soviet Leaders Warn

MOSCOW, Feb. 8 (UP).—Lazar M. Kaganovich, a member of the Communist Party political bureau, today called on Soviet voters to redouble their "Bolshevik vigilance" in the face of continuing "capitalist encirclement."

He warned an election meeting at Tashkent, capital of Soviet Turkestan, against "smugness and complacency," but promised that the Soviet Union "will continue to carry out a peace policy insuring the security of the peoples of the USSR and the protection of their state interests."

At another campaign rally, held as the USSR's first national election since 1937 drew near, G. M. Malenkov, secretary of the Communist Party central committee, said the Soviet Union's best hope for peace is in her might.

"It is no secret that our friends respect us because we are strong," Malenkov said. "We must always remember our friends will respect us so long as we remain powerful. . . . That's why, in order to consolidate victory, we must first of all strengthen our Socialist state, and strengthen the glorious Red Army."

The election is to be held Sunday, and in anticipation of it Moscow today took on almost a carnival appearance, with flags and bunting festooning public buildings.

Party leaders are ringing doorbells in an effort to bring out a 100 percent vote and hundreds of meetings are being held daily in factories and schools.

Arrangements have been made for travelers to vote on trains and ships, while voters in remote Arctic areas will be rounded up on sleds pulled by dogs and reindeer. Ice-bound citizens in polar weather stations will vote by radio.

Voting Sunday will be for 1,143 members of the two chambers of the Supreme Soviet. Normally a new Soviet is elected every four years, but because of the war there has been no election for nine years.

Generalissimo Joseph Stalin is running for re-election from the same Moscow district which elected him to the Supreme Soviet in 1937. About 75 percent of the members of the present Supreme Soviet are also Communist Party members.



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MALENKOV

Full Penalty for Nazis, Soviets Insist

NUERNBERG, Feb. 8 (UP).—Gen. Roman A. Rudenko opened the Soviet prosecution at the Nazi war crimes trials today with a demand on behalf of the peoples of the world for "just retribution and severe punishment of Hitler's henchmen."

The outrages they committed, he declared, were considered criminal acts under all criminal codes throughout the world.

"Russia, the United States, Great Britain and France all accuse the defendants of having ruled over the entire German state and war machine," Rudenko said. "Through a criminal conspiracy they turned the machinery of the German state into a mechanism for criminal aggression and the extermination of millions of innocent people."

Rudenko said that a German campaign which turned flourishing countryside into "desert areas drenched with the blood of the executed" was actually aimed against Russia primarily, and that Nazi aggression between 1938 and 1941 was "only a preliminary measure for the main blow in the east."

Asserting that the Germans planned the extermination of whole racial groups, Rudenko quoted Adolf Hitler as saying: "If I can send the cream of the German nation into the hell of war I surely have the right to remove millions of an inferior race who multiply like flies."

He said the Germans destroyed or badly damaged in Russia 1,710 towns and more than 70,000 villages, leaving 25,000,000 persons homeless. He estimated the total damage by "criminal acts of the Hitlerite armies" at 679 billion rubles (nominally 135 billion dollars).

The Germans, Rudenko charged, destroyed, looted or desecrated nearly 2,800 churches or church

buildings including 237 Catholic churches. He said they destroyed 40,000 hospitals, 84,000 schools and 31,850 factories.

German soldiers dressed themselves in church vestments, kept horses and dogs in churches and desecrated icons, Rudenko said.

"We have not the right to leave unpunished those who organized and are guilty of these monstrous crimes," he urged. "For the sake of the future security of nations we are presenting the defendants with a just bill which must be paid."

Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering removed his earphones after he had listened for a few minutes to the translation of Rudenko's speech, and Julius Streicher, Baron Franz Von Papen and others followed suit.

In the afternoon assistant Russian prosecutor Col. Yuri V. Pokrovsky said that Germany started financing the German fifth column in Czechoslovakia in 1936.

American Army bodyguards have been assigned to each judge, alternate judge, prosecutor and assistant prosecutor of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia in the war crimes trial, Maj. Gen. Leroy H. Watson, troop commander, disclosed, as part of and overall tightening of security."

Franco Boycott Up Before UNO Gen'l Assembly

LONDON, Feb. 8 (UP).—The UNO Steering Committee today agreed unanimously to forward to the Assembly for discussion of Panamanian resolution—supported by the French, Soviet and Venezuelan delegates—which asks for a UNO boycott of Franco's Spanish government.

The Soviet complaint against British policy in the Netherlands East Indies was outlined yesterday by Ukrainian chief delegate Dmitri Manuilsky who was ill of influenza today. It was believed that unless tomorrow's meeting was postponed because he could not attend, the Indonesian case would be ended swiftly.

May Postpone UNO Site Vote

LONDON, Feb. 8 (UP).—Advocates of the Greenwich-Stamford, Conn., area as a permanent UNO home site expressed fear tonight that they could no longer command an immediate UNO committee vote in their favor, and opponents of that location redoubled efforts to postpone final decision to the Assembly's September session.

Agitation of Connecticut residents against the UNO location in their midst was strengthening the UNO delegates who want to delay decision, and they were encouraged at the blast which Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) U. S. delegate, loosed in a budget committee session against UNO plans for a 40 to 50 acre site and the expenditure of considerable funds.

Phone Workers Talk 2d Strike

By United Press
A new strike disrupting long distance telephone service in 43 states loomed yesterday after wage negotiations broke down between the Western Electric Co. and the Association of Communication Equipment Workers.

Glen C. Thornton, ACEW vice-president, said the company's final wage offer was "unbearable and unlivable." The possibility of a settlement "didn't look any too favorable," he added.

The union tied up long distance operations in 43 states during a three-day protest strike in January. Wage negotiations were renewed then.

Members of the Washington, D. C., Telephone Traffic Union voted overwhelmingly to join a national walkout scheduled for Feb. 17 to enforce contract demands for a \$2-a-day wage increase and a five-day week. Union officials indicated the workers might join in any walkout of the Western Electric Workers. (Seventeen thousand Western Electric employees have been on strike since early in January.)

ACEW members will decide their course Tuesday "over a telephone circuit from Chicago which will reach 43 states," Thornton said. He said the final company offer was for five cents more per hour for workers with less than eight years of experience, seven cents for more than eight years and a 15 percent flat increase for all.

Ernest Weaver, union president, said an important "turn of events" might occur before the company's proposals were referred to the union's 8,000 members.

In addition, he said, any action might be postponed until presidents of the 49 affiliates of the National Federation of Telephone Workers meet Feb. 18 in Memphis, Tenn.

Wyatt Issues US Housing Plan

ASKS CONGRESS APPROVE 2,700,000 LOW-COST HOMES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Housing Expeditor Wilson W. Wyatt tonight recommended that 2,700,000 new homes and apartments be built or under way by the end of 1947 for veterans and other hardship cases. The program came as a belated move to correct many of the Administration's own errors.

While it continued to rely on private enterprise to carry out the program, Wyatt's plan called for greater government controls than previously asked.

President Truman immediately called upon Congress to pass promptly the necessary measures.

However, one of Wyatt's chief recommendations—for price ceilings on existing homes—appeared doomed. Even while his report was being released the House Banking Committee approved the Patman Housing bill banning ceilings on all but new buildings.

Wyatt's plan calls for 1,200,000 moderate and low-cost houses to be started this year—more than double the previous 1946 goal—and for 1,500,000 to be started in 1947.

It calls for private enterprise to "assume the leading role" with government financial, priorities and allocations assistance to channel materials into homes to sell for \$6,000 or less or rent for not more than \$50 a month.

The essential first step is to increase the flow of materials for home-building, Wyatt said. War

plants are to be used, and the cost and risk of expanding plant facilities would be shared by the government, as was done during the war.

It is estimated the cost of materials for the two-year program would be \$5,200,000,000.

The "imperative" legislation requested by Wyatt was:

- To extend authority for priorities and allocations to Dec. 31.

- Addition appropriation of \$25,000,000 to provide 100,000 temporary housing units for the "most urgent" needs of veterans in cities and colleges. This would also include conversion of surplus barracks and other war housing.

- Price control to stop inflation on old and new houses and building sites. The government to use its present power to curb inflation "to the full."

- Extend necessary financing and other aid provided in the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill. A direct call for passage of the bill was not made.

However, the mood of Congress on social legislation indicated that more than planning is necessary. The administration will have to fight hard to see its own program fulfilled.

Vets Must Register Today

Veterans and civilians who did not register last year may vote in the 19th Congressional District by-election Feb. 19th, Supreme Court Justice William C. Hecht Jr. ruled yesterday—provided they register before noon today.

American Labor Party officials, who successfully petitioned for the ruling in behalf of candidate Johannes Steel, believed it the first of its kind.

Registrations may be filed with the Board of Election at 400 Broome St.

During court arguments in behalf of the vets and other non-registered voters, Tammany asked to be included in the petition, but the ALP declined after Jacob Markowitz, Democratic lawyer, said he did not believe the veterans were entitled to vote under the law.

No Arbitration, Philly TWU Says

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—The CIO Transport Workers Union, today told the Philadelphia Transportation Co. that its last minute demand for arbitration of a wage dispute was "unacceptable in its present form."

The TWU, which represents 9,000 company employees, has served notice of intent to strike within 48 hours for a \$2 a day wage increase and other demands. The company offered only an 11-cent an hour raise, then suddenly wrote the union proposing that the whole matter go to arbitration.

The TWU said its rejection of the arbitration proposal was based on two demands which the company "cannot with any propriety whatever ask us to arbitrate."

These are that there shall be no deduction of social security under the government plan from the company's pension and the demand for a union shop.

Union leaders explained that the company formerly had not made the pension deduction and that to submit this to arbitration would be to arbitrate a loss. On union security, it was noted that when a company union operated at PTC, the contract provided for a closed shop. TWU said its 6,000 members were no longer willing to allow an "insignificant minority" to "ride free on their backs." Approximately 600 are not in the union.

A letter prepared by the TWU executive board, told the company the union would be happy to consider arbitration on other questions once these demands are granted.

How the Case Bill Would Hog-Tie Your Union

It would be illegal to keep a scab out of a struck plant, if the Case bill, passed by the House, were enacted into law. That would be "violence."

It would be illegal for you to advise your friends to refuse to smoke Lucky Strikes (don't smoke them, by the way, there's a strike there), because the bill would ban boycotts aimed at trying to win a wage settlement.

The bill which goes before the Senate, provides:

1.—A Federal mediation board with power to intervene in disputes where more than 250 workers are involved and enforce a 30-day cool-

off.

2.—Wide use of court injunctions to prevent "violence" (read efforts to stop scabs) or "interference with movement of perishable goods" (read struck or hot goods).

3.—A ban on "violent" picketing. That's picketing to keep scabs out of a struck plant. This ban makes violators liable not only to court

injunctions but also loss of bargaining powers under the National Labor Relations Act.

4.—A ban on boycotts and sympathetic strikes.

5.—Authorizes civil suits against labor for violation of contracts.

6.—A ban on foremen's unions. A provision was added to prevent the board from having access to

confidential information from tax sources.

There's no end to the disputes in which the board could intervene—against labor. Another addition permits the board to enter any dispute it deems interfering with "interstate or foreign commerce" as well as those that affect public interest.

The Case bill faces opposition in the Senate, and indications are that a good fight by labor and its friends can kill it.

The play probably will be to use the Case bill as a cover behind which to enact so-called "milder" legislation of the type of President Truman's fact-finding, cool-off proposal.

The President's proposals seem milder when viewed against the sweeping anti-labor restrictions of the Case bill, but his proposals have been condemned by CIO and AFL, and the drive now being prepared must be against both the Case bill and the cool-off proposition as well.

WU Strikers Vote On Agreement At Noon Today

Western Union strike leaders announced last night that an agreement had been reached between the CIO American Communications Association and the company.

The news was announced shortly before 8 p. m. from the chambers of Supreme Court Justice Aaron Levy before whom the company had sought an injunction to smash the walkout by prohibiting mass picketing.

A strikers' rally will be held today at noon at Manhattan Center, 34 St. and Eighth Ave., where the Western Union workers will vote upon the terms of the agreement to end the strike.

The strike began one month ago following refusal of Western Union to arbitrate the issue of \$6,000,000 in increases and retroactive pay handed down by a Regional War Labor Board order and later reversed by the National War Labor Board. The agreement to arbitrate the issues involved was a major concession on the part of the union, but despite that, Western Union stubbornly refused to arbitrate.

Joseph P. Selly, president of the ACA who attended the conference between Justice Levy, company spokesmen and union officials, said:

"For the union I want to express appreciation to Justice Levy for his earnest effort to seek an equitable solution for this dispute. The Strategy Committee of the union will meet tonight to prepare a report to the strike rally which will be held Saturday, 12 noon, at Manhattan Center.

"At that meeting we will make a recommendation in regards to the agreements between both parties. The membership will consider the question of calling off the strike on the basis of these agreements. Until that decision is made, the picket line will be maintained around the clock."

Justice Levy told newspapermen: "I consider this a very momentous occasion and am happy for the opportunity to express my deep and sincere gratitude to both parties to this controversy. They have earnestly and painfully cooperated with the court in a genuine endeavor to iron out the differences as they existed, culminating in the document the execution of which I had the pleasure of witnessing.

Justice Levy went on to compliment attorneys for both sides for their part in assisting in the proposed settlement. He said both sides had agreed no reprisals would result from the bitterly fought walk-out.

Wanna Buy a Mink?

A sale of mink pelts in New York Thursday brought an average of \$91.83 per skin, an increase of 26 percent over last year's prices. Fur dealers evidently are not worried the 18 cent raises now being won by workers may reduce millady's dividends.

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growing citizens' movement is demanding justice in this village.

A citizens' meeting, called to discuss action on the issue, got under way here tonight in the Cleveland Ave. school. Plans are being discussed at the meeting for a protest rally, possibly on Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, with prominent local and national speakers.

Delegations are scheduled to visit the Mayor, Police Chief and the District Attorney to repeat a demand of an earlier delegation that an open public investigation of the slaying be made at once.

Joining the protest today were the Rev. Theodore Boblin of Mineola, superintendent of 77 Long Island churches; Rabbi Rosenblatt of the Roosevelt Temple, and the Rev. Frederick W. Meyer of the Rockville Congregational Church. The Rev. Ben Richardson of Harlem is among the clergymen joining the protest.

POWELL DEMANDS PROBE

Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell telephoned from Washington that he had called on Gov. Dewey, the Nassau County District Attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to launch separate investigations of the killings.

Powell said he would ask Hulan Jack, Harlem Assemblyman, to introduce a bill seeking a probe by the State Legislature.

Stanley Faulkner, attorney retained for Richard Ferguson, announced he would appear before a Supreme Court Judge seeking a writ of reasonable doubt. This, he said, would be a first step in the legal fight for the release of young Ferguson. Richard, an important witness, stated the cop shot the brothers following an argument in the Freeport Bus Terminal Tea Room over the proprietor's refusal to serve them coffee.

It was pointed out that with the release of Richard Ferguson steps could be taken to block an attempt of a Grand Jury whitewash of Policeman Romeika next Wednesday.

CIO Opposes Deal To Hike Prices

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Labor is opposed to price increases reportedly being cooked up in the new administration wage-price policy and will accept no responsibility for them, a CIO source said today.

He denied the report in the New York Times yesterday that CIO President Philip Murray had been told the price Mr. Truman would advance the steel industry in return for a strike settlement. He declared that Murray had not discussed steel prices with anyone in the administration.

This was confirmed in a letter from Murray to Price Administrator Chester Bowles, Reconversion Director John Snyder and OES Director John Collet released by the CIO.

"There have been repeated newspaper reports to the effect that there is in process of formulation a new national wage-price policy," Murray wrote. "Any such policy is, of course, of utmost importance to the millions of members of the CIO. I do believe that this organization should be afforded the opportunity and do hereby make such a request to present its views or to make suggestions on this all-embracing problem before final and definite action is taken."

Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel, demanded a price increase of more than \$6.25 a

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (UP). — President Truman is "quite hopeful of an early settlement" of the steel strike, an authoritative White House source said tonight after the President abruptly cancelled a scheduled Florida vacation.

ton. The President, Snyder and Collet have agreed to a figure of around \$5.50 but that Bowles has refused to go along, it is reported.

This morning after Bowles conferred with the President rumors revived that the Price Administrator's resignation was imminent. Bowles is reported willing to go along permitting small price increases, but would continue rigid price controls. He would regard this as a retreat but not a rout. But he is prepared to resign if Mr. Truman insists on regarding the steel industry as a special case or if there is piece-meal abandonment of price control.

The Price Administrator feels that the inflation thermometer is bubbling up and the danger very serious.

But labor would not agree with Bowles even on a limited price increase because it would wipe out wage increases won in the strikes. Labor circles quote an OPA economist who says that steel could pay the 18½ cents recommended by Mr. Truman and, without any increase in prices, continue to make huge profits.

Meanwhile the negotiations between U. S. Steel and the United Steelworkers have been getting nowhere. U. S. Steel has simply been stalling in its talk with USW while putting on the heat for further price increases. The corporation is unwilling to settle even for



Defending the Home: Kids in Warren, O., take their fathers' and mothers' places on the picket line in front of General Electric's Ohio Lamp Workers plant. The signs they are carrying demand the \$2 a day wage increase the United Electrical Union, CIO, is striking for. "Don't Kid Us Kiddies" says one sign. "My Mom Buys the Stuff, But Pop Doesn't Earn Enough" says another. The children also picketed the Packard Electric plant.

the \$5.50 offer and is still demanding between \$6 and \$7.

Labor regards this as a further demonstration of the blackmail which steel, auto and other great trusts are using against the American people.

The President's cancellation of his Florida vacation scheduled for next week led Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn to say that a strike settlement was not near. A White House spokesman said this was "not necessarily so."

Negroes, Whites Are Honored

Twelve Negroes and six whites have been named to the nationwide Honor Roll of Race Relations of 1945, as a feature of Negro History Week, Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick of the New York Public Library yesterday.

The efforts of those named, "strengthened the foundations of national unity and lay a real basis for a cooperative world society," Dr. Reddick, curator of the library's Schomburg collection, said.

Among those named are, Lt. John C. H. Lee, who last March initiated

the mixed combat units on the Western Front.

Others chosen were:

Frank Sinatra, because of a consistent fight against intolerance, among youth.

James Gow and Arnaud D'usseau, for their play, *Deep Are The Roots*. Attorney Charles Houston, for his dramatic resignation from the Board of the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Jackie Robinson, for becoming the first Negro to be signed by big league base ball.

G. L. K. Smith Arrested for Riot

AMERICA FIRSTER CHARGED FOR MELEE AT CHI. HATE RALLY

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Gerald L. K. Smith, surrendered to police today on a warrant charging him with inciting to riot issued by Municipal Judges Samuel Heller and Oscar Caplan.

Frederick Kister, head of the Christian War Veterans, and Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello, self-styled Father Coughlin of the South were also arrested. A policeman who slugged a veteran, one of more than 1,500 who picketed an America First Party meeting here last night, is being sought. Pickets bore signs that said, "Smith is Hitler's Best Friend" and "Keep Smith out of America."

Called by the Christian War Veterans at the West End Women's Club, 37 South Ashland Ave., the meeting of 600 America Firsters, Christian Nationalists and Nazi Bund members, heard Smith call for a "fight against the enemy" as he termed the mass picket line outside.

More than 300 Chicago police under Capt. Joseph R. Graney acted as a guard to prevent indignant vets, many in uniform, from entering the hall.

Seventeen of the vets were arrested.

Judge Heller attended the meeting and left because "it was so disgusting." Upon hearing that pickets had been arrested and roughly handled, he immediately went to the Des Plaines police station and demanded that they be immediately booked and released on their own recognizance.

Stating that it was a "dastardly thing" that in the name of free speech a taxpayer has to spend money to protect a lousy skunk like Smith," Judge Heller denounced the police captain that he was liable to charges of contempt.



G. L. K. SMITH

if he did not release the pickets immediately.

Smith viciously attacked the Jewish War Veterans, the Communist Party and the American Youth for Democracy for organizing the picket line at the meeting. He referred to FBI Chief Edgar Hoover's characterization of the AYD, as the "most dangerous youth organization in America."

Terminiello, who is suspended from his diocese in Birmingham, Ala., was chairman. He had been billed as the main speaker but Smith spoke for an hour and 45 minutes. A veteran seated in the audience challenged him. Several policemen in the hall immediately grabbed the vet and roughly ejected him.

While the meeting had ostensibly been called by Smith's Christian Veterans organization which Kister heads there were no more than 25 veterans in the hall. Most of these walked out in disgust, during his harangue which was directed against anti-fascist organizations, including B'Nai B'rith, the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, the Jewish War Veterans, the anti-Defamation League, the CIO, the CP and the AYD.

He especially signalled out for attack Frank Sinatra. Seated on the platform with Smith were Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling and Ellis O. Jones both are defendants in the sedition trial.

State CP Calls Youth Confab

A conference on youth has been called by the New York State Communist Party, it was announced yesterday by Robert Thompson, Israel Amster and Bill Norman.

The meeting will be held Sunday, March 3d, 10 a.m., at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., Manhattan. There will be one delegate from each Communist branch and each County Executive, and two delegates from each youth branch, shop and industrial branch, and each Section Committee.

"Never in the history of our nation has its youth faced problems of such vast proportions," the call to the conference said. "Millions of veterans and other youth face the need for job training and education while preparing to struggle at the same time for a full employment program in order to guarantee them a job. Millions need housing immediately."

"The urgency and scope of the tasks facing our Party in relation to the needs of youth are apparent. We must work for the growth of an independent, broad movement of youth and for its alliance with labor. Furthermore, our Party must independently lead youth in struggling for its needs and bring to ever larger sections of youth the ultimate answers to their questions: the message of socialism."

Election of J. Steel No Pushover

Canvass Shows Many Ignorant of Poll Date, Candidates

By LOUISE MITCHELL

The other night I walked up five flights of a tenement house on East 19 St. between First and Second Aves. to speak to some 55 registered voters. I was conducting my own poll on how the by-election campaign in the 19th Congressional District was faring.

Close to three-quarters of the voters I questioned had no knowledge of the election scheduled for Feb. 19; half had never heard of Johannes Steel, American Labor Party choice.

Two voters declared willingness to sign pledge cards for Steel while four were sure they would vote for him.

There were three registered ALP voters living in the house who were not at home at the time. But were among ALP voters, these were some who hadn't heard of the election.

The house is occupied by Italian, Jewish, Irish and Ukrainian families in the main. Other parts of the district, especially the Jewish sections are more aware of the con-

gressional race and its candidates. In these areas, sentiment for Steel is high.

The 50 voters are grouped in 25 families. There are as many as four or five voters in a single family.

Typical responses from the voters were:

"Didn't know there was an election."

"Who are the candidates?"

"Why is there an election?"

"I haven't thought about it."

Only one man was openly hostile to any questions. The rest appeared interested but only three were enthusiastic for Steel, one worker was a member of Local 42, Chain Service Restaurant and Employees Union. He had received a letter from his local telling him to participate in Steel's election. He was confident of Steel's election.

Twice the doors were opened by

younger members of the family who said their parents were out and they were unable to speak for them. One woman said her husband would have to decide for both.

Some of those who showed no enthusiasm for Steel were enrolled members of the two major parties.

A veteran, entitled to vote because he used an absentee ballot in the last election, was undecided as to whether he would or not.

Taking this house as a sample for the neighborhood, I concluded that a Labor Party victory was no pushover. A large proportion of the voters will not come out on election day unless they are reached either by the ALP or the major party machines. If the majority of voters who come are not to be left to the mercy of the two major parties, then Labor Party canvassers had better start hopping.

Court Rules Shipyard Jim-Crow Must Stop

By Federated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Unanimously reversing two lower court decisions on minority discrimination, the California Supreme Court ordered that Negroes be given full membership rights in the Interna-

tional Brotherhood of Boilermakers (AFL) and that the Moore Drydock Co. of Oakland must treat Negroes on a basis of equality with other employees.

In the boilermakers' test case, that of Wilbert Williams, an injunction was granted restraining the union from compelling Negroes to join an auxiliary local. In the suit of Raymond F. Thompson against the Moore Drydock Co., he was given an injunction restraining the company from helping the union to discriminate against Negroes.

Both cases arose from an attempt two years ago to compel Negro shipyard workers to join the Jim-crow auxiliary or be fired. Chief Justice Phil Gibson, who wrote both decisions, quoted a ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court that "denying membership in a union by reason of race, color or creed is a violation of the 14th Amendment."

Plan UNRRA Food Collection Drive

A nationwide collection of food to help avert mass hunger and starvation in Europe will be launched immediately, according to Dan A. West, director of UNRRA's Division of Contributed Supplies.

Vets Here Laud Ala. Vote March

Comparing the "battle for the ballot" to the "battle of the bulge," the United Veterans for Equality yesterday praised the recent parade of 100 Negro vets to the registrar's office in Birmingham to demand the vote.

The organization also wrote the Department of Justice and the Governor of Alabama asking the removal of the registrars.

"We condemn the Board of Registrars," Bert Alves, chairman of the U. V. E., wrote the Southern Negro Youth Congress. "Negroes have suffered and died that the democratic way of life might triumph over the filth and racism of fascism. We who have returned must guarantee that our fallen comrades have not died in vain."

A national conference of organized and unaffiliated veterans has been called by U. V. E. for March 16-17, in Chicago. The organization's national offices are at 217 W. 125th St., N. Y.

CITIZENS FORM GROUP HERE TO AID STRIKERS' FAMILIES

A New York Citizens Emergency Committee to Aid Strikers Families has just been formed with headquarters at 570 Seventh Ave.

The committee, comprised of prominent New Yorkers, is headed by Dr. Frank R. Kingdon, radio commentator and chairman of the steering committee of National Citizens PAC.

An organizing luncheon will be held at the Commodore Hotel next Friday, Feb. 15.

There are 30,000 strikers in the New York area whose families will soon need aid if they do not already need it, Dr. Kingdon said. The committee, he declared, will do its part

to permit the strikes to be settled on their merits rather than "by hunger."

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150 in Fla. Ask Pepper To Fight Filibuster

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 8. —Approximately 150 veterans, CIO and AFL members, housewives and unorganized workers this week petitioned Sen. Claude Pepper (Dem.) to work against the FEPC filibuster and to vote for a permanent FEPC bill.

The petition, circulated by the Communist Party of Florida, pointed out that the Negro people are now registering to vote in the state's Democratic primaries and that they are expected to be a large influence in the forthcoming elections.

SUB GETTERS CONTEST

53 PRIZES ARE COMING

Work is now going on tabulating the final standing of the contestants in the National Sub-Getters contest conducted by The Worker in conjunction with the subscription campaign that ended on February 2. We are trying to rush the final results, but we are told it will take about two weeks for the final announcement. In the meantime, watch the

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FROM THE ALABAMA STRIKE FRONT

Clean Blue Jeans
Brighten Gadsden

By ROBERT MINOR

GADSDEN, Ala., Feb. 8.—This is the place a federal judge once called "the worst hell-hole in the United States." It used to be said that any union organizer that came in would have to hide in a tow sack and be brought in on a vegetable truck before daylight.

Now I've met up with a stranger who undertook to show me the way to the United Steelworkers union hall. He calls out to a policeman across the street, "Where's the CIO hall?" and the policeman calls back "Over at Alabama City"—which is the part of Gadsden where the Republic Steel mills are.

Gadsden is the fourth largest city of Alabama, at the northeastern tip of the iron and coal region that extends down through Birmingham and Bessemer. Gadsden is not called a "hell-hole" any more. It is called "the Gateway to the Industrial South." It is.

The United Steelworkers has 2,600 members at the Republic Steel plant.

CLEAN BLUE JEANS

On Broad St., housewives with shopping bags and babies flock into the stores, while the men, many wearing USW-CIO union buttons and dressed neat as a pin, enjoy the bright sunshine on the sidewalk. I was puzzled by the large number who wear brand-new overalls, invariably blue. It seems to be a style during the strike to get a new pair of overalls with your best clean shirt and walk around the streets meeting your friends.

Seeing so many, I couldn't help telling my new-found acquaintance the famous story of Mrs. McCann and the hard coal strike in Pennsylvania in 1930. Mrs. McCann's husband was a union man, but she was afraid he might weaken. So she took his overalls to wash while he put on his Sunday pants. She kept the overalls in the tub of soapsuds for a month and a half until the strike was over.

But they won't weaken here. The clean overalls seem to be a demonstration that they haven't been inside the mill. Many of the younger men also wear army field jackets or "Eisenhower" jackets with the discharge button. A Negro veteran just passed by; he wears an "Eisenhower" jacket with overseas stripes, the discharge button, and new blue overalls underneath, while dark glasses seem to indicate an injury.

VETS 99 PERCENT UNION

An officer of the union told me "Of all the GIs that have come back to Gadsden, and have worked in steel and are going to work there again, 99 percent have joined the union. The company is worse surprised by what the GIs do than by anything else that has happened."

This town is not all steel. The big Dixie plant of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. is here, and in it the United Rubber Workers Union has one of the finest and strongest locals in the country. Nor is it all CIO. A steel union organizer told me:

"One thing that has helped us is the co-operation of the AFL. We steel workers as to whether they phoned us the first day to say they wanted to co-operate."

BUS DRIVERS, TOO

The AFL bus drivers on the town's own idea and consulting nobody, changed the routes of the busses to make sure not to foul the steel

workers union picket lines. They keep out on the avenue, refusing to take busses into side streets near the mill gates.

As I make these notes I look across the avenue at four pickets standing together at the main gate of the Republic Steel Co. All are tall and straight and broad-shouldered and wear new blue overalls. Three are white and one is a Negro.

About 45 miles due north across the mountains and the Tennessee River, is Scottsboro. Two miles west is the place where Sherman Dalmryple, president of the United Rubber Workers Union, was savagely beaten a half-dozen years ago. Fifty miles further southwest is Pratt City, in Birmingham, where a coal miner named Phil Murray was once ridden out of town on a rail.

This is Alabama as she is now.

Jail McNear, Ask
Peoria Locals

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 8.—Two local unions here last night condemned the murder of two pickets in the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad strike, and called for the indictment of T. P. & W. president George P. McNear, Jr. and the agents who shot the strikers.

AFL Painters Local 157 last night wired Gov. Dwight Green and Attorney General George F. Barrett that "safety and justice require the indictment" of McNear and the others responsible. The wire was signed by Joseph Conrad, local secretary, and 15 members. The Peoria AFL Trades and Labor Assembly took similar action.

Local 105 of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers, representing 15,000 caterpillar plant strikers, demanded of President Truman that the government "take over the railroad permanently and operate it as a public utility."

3 Issues Face Legislature Next Week

Vets' Demands, Budget and College Bias in Spotlight

By MAX GORDON

Two major public hearings will highlight next week's session of the State Legislature. On Tuesday, veterans from all over the state will converge on the capital for a "public conference" sponsored by the bipartisan committee on veterans' affairs set up by the Legislature.

On Wednesday, the annual hearing on Gov. Dewey's budget will take place. Major criticism is expected to be leveled against the drastic income and corporate tax cuts, amounting to a \$120,000,000 saving for the wealthy, and on the inadequacies of the Governor's program for state aid to municipalities.

A third issue that may receive prominence is the fight of the Democrats for a public hearing on discrimination in private colleges.

Republican leaders turned down a plea for such a hearing following Gov. Dewey's proposal to set up a legislative commission to study the advisability of a State University. The Democrats say they will go to the people with their demand for action at this session.

The veterans' hearing Tuesday will probably center on the bonus, housing and job issues, as well as on the demand of labor to pass the Pillion-Burney bill to grant jobless aid to striking vets. The measure

A Tower of
UE Strength

By BEN FIELD, Author of Piper Tompkins

SCHENECTADY, Feb. 8.—If you have any hot strike job these days in Schenectady, Jim Maney is your man. Spell "Jim Maney" and it is quicker than "Jack Robinson." Heart of oak and heart of gold, Jim Maney's is big enough to quarter the whole



BEN FIELD

working class of the town; his broad enough to carry his own and your burdens. And if by chance in the midst of this tough struggle you feel inclined to pass the time of day to sling the blarney and twist the tail of Paddy's pig, you can't go wrong on Maney. For he is as Irish as a jig. Oh yes, as Irish as the shamrock.

Jim was born in Albany on the 25th of November way back in 1882.

He went to work as a boy, first as a jackspinner, then as a coremaker in a foundry. "I served my time for GE, too. I put in 37 years for that outfit," says Jim Maney.

He is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, attends services in St. Joseph's Church, and was one of the best legmen the American Labor Party had at the last elections. He shines out among the host of great picket captains in this strike. He has a boy in the naval hospital in Sydney, Australia.

The worker follows his bread through the hoppers and mills of life, and his body and spirit are often scored by the great grinding stones. Jim Maney's body has been battered; his spirit, never. The fount in him will never dry. He loves youth, and that is why the moment he heard about the difficulties of the Office Workers' Organizing Committee, it was like him to march up to these young people and

slap an ace down on the table before them. His plan was to whip up the membership drive by offering as prizes tickets to the Louis-Conan fight which will be held in June.

Jim is a fight fan. But baseball is his favorite sport. He has developed sandlot teams; fifty of his boys have gone into fast company. He has been an umpire and a pitcher. He had to give up playing because of an accident.

The accident occurred in building 95 where Jim worked putting rods into molds and cores to reinforce them. GE had bought a stock of damaged rods because they were cheap, and he was told to get at them. As a safety man, it was his duty to lodge a complaint with the foreman, but the foreman was as deaf as an adder. So Jim picked up his electric knife and cut the damaged rods for size. A sliver shot off and pierced his hand with the thrust of a bayonet.

In the telling of the accident, Jim skins off his coat and rolls up his sleeve. "Here, right from the pulse and up over the elbow the blood

poison run. The doctors, they scraped my fingers to the bone. They had to dig in and cut around the muscle. They had to sew the elbow to the rest of me arm. I was on me back at the hospital for 190 days. They give me up for dead."

Jim knocks his cap back over his head. His iron-gray hair is neatly parted. Not a muscle moves in his seamed face as he says, "My friends give me up for dead. They said what's the use of going to see Jim in the hospital, we'll see him at the laying out. I'm here, and they're in the burial ground." He adds dryly, "It's hard to kill an Irishman."

The accident crippled his pitching arm.

"Man," he says, "I had something on the ball. It was an inshoot, an incurve. I'd pitch it fast, and the batters, they couldn't see it, they couldn't get a piece of it." He kicks out his leg and cocks his arm as if he is getting ready to throw his fireball. "I'd strike out 15, 16, 17 a game. You can go up to the Gazette and you'll see my record. I pitched

JIM MANEY
—Photo by Courtney Wright.

for a team called the Whirlwinds." He hears his name called. He flings on his coat and runs off, this 64-year-old man, to tend to some of his endless duties. This is Jim Maney. This is a captain of the fight. This is the stout heart whose feelings are still as young and as fresh and as tender as the green grass.

Brooklyn
Communist
Veterans:

A series of discussions dealing with Party policy and history during the time you were away, to be led by Party leaders, is starting Monday night, 8 p.m., and will continue every Monday thereafter. This is for veterans only. For the address, contact your section or county headquarters.

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He insisted the current emergency is just as great. He demanded the state lease these hotels and rent them to veterans at modest rentals.

has passed the Assembly but is being stalled in the Senate.

Close to 20 bonus measures have been proposed by legislators. They range from a \$200 flat bonus to a bonus of \$1 for each day served, with the total not to exceed \$1,000. Most of the plans specify that the bonus match mustering out pay or provide for around \$300.

The state CIO, the American Labor Party and the Communist Party have all suggested bonuses equal to mustering-out pay.

Housing demands of the vets will include both emergency and permanent housing. The emergency demands center on a program embodied in separate bills introduced by Assemblymen Hulan Jack, Harlem Democrat, and Leo Isacson, Bronx American Laborite. Both bills call for declaration of an emergency which will allow seizure of hotels, resorts, boarding houses, etc.

Isacson, who introduced his bill yesterday, said that during the war about 10,350 Army personnel had been housed in New York hotels leased by the federal government.

Change the World

by Mike Gold

PHI BETA KAPPA, in case the gentle reader has never heard, is a college society to which are elected the students who win the highest scholarship marks each year.

No higher honor can come to a student than to win its little gold key with three Greek letters that inform a barbarian world that here stands a man or woman of certified learning. You do not require an Anglo-Saxon grandmother or pink skin, either, to win the key. In a column some months ago this non-Phi Beta Kappist wrote something ironical about venal, reactionary, no-good, pegerizing scoundrels who also happened to sport the Phi Beta Kappa key.

I had met such mixtures of human character, the bright college graduates who employed their college training only to serve monopolist capitalism for fascist ends.

Every reporter has frequently run into the type. You can always find brilliant Phi Beta Kappas serving as strikebreaking, crooked attorneys for the big corporations. You will find them teaching the

worst political reaction and fascist racialism in many a college.

MY reference to Phi Beta seemed to scrape the sensitive skin of Miss D.B.L., New York, a Phi Beta who also happens to be a rank-and-file member of the CIO, as well as a faithful Communist Party comrade for the past 11 years.

"Such sweeping generalizations are reprehensible. I send you a recent issue of our news magazine, the *Key Reporter*, in which I have marked at least five items that show Phi Beta making a real contribution to democratic thought in America," she writes.

The items are truly interesting, and deserve democracy's cheers, prayers and thanks.

Under the sponsorship of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California there was held recently on the campus of the University of California in Los Angeles:

A conference on the promotion of fuller cultural relations between the USA and the USSR. Harlow Shapely, Thomas Mann and Clarence Dykstra presented the main addresses.

Here is the sort of thing Phi Beta Kappa can do best to save the soul of American scholarship.

Don't Throw Away The Phi Beta Key

The *Key Reporter* also contains an article advocating world control of the atomic secrets, with America leading the way in opening its laboratories and encouraging the cooperation of all scientists in bringing world peace.

The "Books for Russia" campaign headed by Bennet Cerf is given a plug, and this also is a sign of Phi Beta Kappa good-will and intelligence.

Furthermore, a special group headed by Judge Dorothy Kenyon will investigate for Phi Beta Kappa "conditions at the University of Texas resulting in the dismissal of President Homer Rainey," a flagrant example of big business strangulation of freedom for American scholarship.

DEAR COMRADE MISS D.B.L. of Phi Beta Kappa, the CIO, the Communist Party, you are a thousand times right in bringing such good news to everyone's attention. Continue to be proud of your membership in a society fighting for the honor and freedom of the American people.

Phi Beta Kappa obviously is no poisonous old carcass like the DAR. It is influenced by a strong liberal section that reaches out its hand to all progressive, anti-fascist America.

Yet, here is a remark by Prof. William T. Hastings, of Brown University, from his review of a recent history of Phi Beta Kappa that appeared in the same issue of the *Key Reporter*:

"The direct and corporation effect of Phi Beta Kappa (on the history of American education or the social evolution of America) has been slight.

"In recent years, especially under the dynamic secretaryship of Dr. Shimer, the society engaged in some heart-searching as to its responsibility in such matters as educational theory and practice, defense of the liberal arts and sciences, freedom of teaching and inquiry, democracy, social reform. . . .

"But it has moved with great caution and has only slightly departed from its historic aloofness from particular causes, however good."

Comrade D.B.L., one portion of our historic mission as Communists is to serve as gadflies and organizers of the "historically aloof and greatly cautious" elements in the intellectual world. We must wake them up by any means to the bitter truth that fascism is now making a last terrific attempt to conquer the United States and all its colleges and Phi Beta Kappa chapters and freedom to think and learn.

Letters from Our Readers

Organizational Problems Of Youth

Baltimore, Md.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Many young people who were active in the YCL up until its dissolution have been pondering the problem of the organizational form to be taken for the activity and Marxist development of youth. My own thoughts and those of many to whom I have spoken are not in full agreement with the opinion expressed in the December Memorandum of the National Committee of the Communist Party.

Some very basic theoretical problems need discussion and analysis. Among these is the question of the reconstitution of the YCL, or more basically put: does American youth need a YCL? This theoretical question has not only been quickly skipped over, but the answer given has been based upon an inaccurate evaluation of the League before its dis-

solution. If this question is solved correctly now, many young people who feel that there should be a YCL, and as a result perform their present duties in the youth movement with less than a wholehearted conviction, would be armed with a basic understanding of the role of the youth in the struggle for socialism. A thorough discussion and analysis of this theoretical question would throw light on the more tactical questions—whether the Youth Clubs of the Party can develop young cadres and handle the problems of the youth better than a YCL.

I should like to suggest that the DW's pages be thrown open to discuss this problem in the same manner that the revisionist program of the CPA was discussed, and that at the conclusion of this discussion the National Committee hold another session to examine the new evidence that cannot fail to be brought out.

M. W. M.

People of Stamford Not Yale & Towne Co. Partners

Stamford Conn.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford suddenly discovered—now that a strike is on—that we, the people of the city are really partners in their business (in all but the profits, that is.) In a full page ad, Y & T insisted that their customers are really our customers and that, if the strike continues, these customers of "ours" will naturally be shopping elsewhere for their locks and, therefore, if we don't hurry and do something about it—that is, help win the strike—it is really "we" who are going to be hurt. All that, of course, is an effort to turn public opinion against the strikers, evidently believing that people generally remember nothing of the past anyhow.

However, this time I believe the company is due for disappointment for there is a limit to everything. The broken promises of a "better world" to live in as well as the economic crisis of 1929, which everybody knows was due to low wages cannot so easily be erased from memory. Besides, the town merchants on whom the company evidently depends for support know well enough that their customers are not the customers of Yale & Towne, but the workers of same. And as for the company's veiled threats of being forced out of business, well, who cares? There are others. A company that is unable or unwilling to pay an American standard of living wage is no asset to any community.

To continue our democratic way of life, companies from now on will have to share their big profits more equitably with labor.

S. P. S.

On Prices, Profits And Wages

Manhattan, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

An aspect of the fallacy of tying wages to profits is shown by a chart in the January issue of the Cleveland Trust Company's Business Bulletin. This chart is based on the Treasury Dept's income tax returns for the years 1913 to 1942 and shows the proportion of businesses reporting net incomes to the total number reporting.

In the best years reported, 1917, 66 percent reported profits. That is, at the height of wartime prosperity one business in three still made no profit. And in the lowest year, 1932, 16 percent reported profits, or only one in six.

The worker cannot tie his wages to profits, but he can and should expose the scandalous wartime profits of the corporations, first and primarily to counteract company propaganda which says that it will have to raise prices if wages are raised.

George Morris, in his article of Jan. 10th, pointed out the danger of making an issue of "opening the books," and of tying wages to "ability to pay." However I believe it has not yet been pointed out that it is precisely this point that should arouse labor's most forcible objections to Truman's fact-finding proposal.

Not only is the cooling off period a union-shackling and union busting measure, but the setting up of government bodies to delve into company profits and then make some decision as to what proportion should go to owners and what to workers is corporate state-ism, is fascism, and should be branded as such. Here labor's tying-in of wages with profits serves to strengthen the hands of those who would like to make such a tie-in compulsory.

These questions of the economic meanings and relationships of prices and profits and wages are of very immediate and important practical significance to the American labor movement. Trade union Communists have the task of supplying clarity on these matters. They must find the time to go through Karl Marx's "Wage-Labor and Capital" and "Value, Price and Profit," wherein he answered these very questions a hundred years ago.

R. PEARCE.

Economic Issues

IN THE stiff fight ahead to get the price control law effectively extended for at least a year beyond June 30, certain facts will have to be repeated again and again.

Some of them have already been underlined by Chester Bowles of the Office of Price Administration in his nearly single-handed efforts to stop the "pressure group urge to inflation," as he calls it.

After other wars in which this country has been engaged, the buying power of the people has always been reduced. So, for example, rising prices cut the consumer's dollar after the Civil War to 44 cents, after World War I to 40 cents, and after World War II, so far, to about 75 cents.

The figure for World War II, of course, assumes that the government's "cost of living" index is correct, an assumption that labor statisticians have by no means accepted.

To the frequent claim that OPA has "hampered" production the answer is simply that the hampering has been the voluntary act of the manufacturers and distributors. In some cases, as we have pointed out many times in this column and in our Economic Notes, they have sabotaged reconversion output by refusing to produce until they jimmied higher prices out of OPA.

But on the whole the OPA answer to the "hampering" argument is to cite the record of retail sales which is a fairly good gauge of the supply of civilian goods available.

The volume of goods moving through the stores has exceeded all previous records and

by Labor Research Assn.

In 1945 the total was around \$74 billion, a rise of about \$5 billion over the previous year.

AND in addition to the quantities of goods that have been reaching retail customers, despite all the holding back of the price-pressure groups, a big lot more have been piling up in inventories.

One of the confidential business advisory services tells its clients this week that manufacturers have great stocks of "goods in process" on which only a few finishing touches are required. These goods are being stored in warehouses while OPA is lobbied for a few "price concessions."

In other words, the price policies of OPA have not interfered with the manufacturing processes. The hogs of industry and commerce are simply not satisfied with the profits they have been making. So they would like to terrorize OPA into greater "flexibility." As this is written, they are waiting to see what kind of concessions are made to the steel trust, hoping of course that this will break the dam and let everyone in for wider profit margins.

Despite OPA's alleged "interference" with profits, no one can deny that the capitalists in various sectors of the economy have done extremely well out of the war. The figures released by government agencies show, for example, that corporate profits as a whole before taxes rose from around \$5.3 billion in 1939 to around \$25 billion in 1944, with only a slight drop in 1945.

With the excess profits tax repealed, net profits promise to rise higher in the current year than in any previous year.

Profit Swollen Trusts Seek To Club OPA Into Price Raises

In manufacturing industry alone profits before taxes in 1944 rose 450 percent over the prewar (1936-1939) average. In retail trade also the increases in the same period were tremendous: hardware dealers' profits rose 464 percent, department and specialty stores increased theirs by 1,324 percent.

WHOLESALEERS were equally prosperous, despite all their gripes about price control. Profits of wholesale drygoods dealers, for example, showed a rise of 640 percent in 1943 over the prewar level.

The conclusion of OPA economists is correct: "Generally speaking all kinds of businesses have during the price control years, made greater profits than at any period in history."

The lessons of World War I and its aftermath also have to be learned. Following the inflation of prices came quickly the collapse and depression characteristic of capitalism.

That collapse after World War I brought tragedy to millions of people. And it was little business, not the monopolists, who suffered when the bottom fell out of the market. It was the workers in the factories who saw employment decline by 31 percent in one year between 1920 and 1921. Total employment increased by 5.6 million between 1919 and 1921. Weekly factory payrolls shrank 44 percent between 1920 and 1922.

Finally, the point to remember is that in the current situation no general price increase is needed to take care of the wages for which the workers are striking. There can be general increases not only in wages but also in farm income over the years ahead without any need to increase the general level of prices.



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EYES EAST



The Case Bill; It's Up to You

THE same members of Congress who refused to pass a bill recognizing every worker's right to a job have now voted to take away his right to leave his job.

The Case bill, passed by the House, is the political fruit of the conspiracy of monopoly capital. It is the brain-child of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The press is attempting to lull the people with palaver about how the Senate is certain to reject the bill and the President to veto it.

Bunk!

The Senate will defeat the bill only if the people rise up against it. President Truman will speak out against it only if he feels the pressure of the people.

Labor's answer to House passage of the bill will have to be expressed strongly on the picket lines. It should show Congress that it will not be intimidated by injunctions and by slave measures.

Its answer should also be to rally entire communities to demand that the bill be turned down lock, stock and barrel as a measure that would subvert democracy.

"Nothing Political," Eh?

THE whole world knows that what Soviet leader Molotov said about fascist armies still being maintained in Europe is true.

All America has read of how a big slice of the German Army still remains armed inside the British zone in defiance of the Big Three agreement at Potsdam.



McNARNEY

And there have been plenty of eyewitnesses of the arming of Polish and Yugoslav fascists in the British and American zones.

Lt. Gen. McNarney, in charge of the U. S. Zone makes no bones about it. McNarney alibis the arming of admitted fascists and quislings by claiming that we need them as "replacements" for home-going GIs. "Nothing political in it," says the general.

But it's funny how it's always the fascists who get chosen, and never the anti-fascists when there is a need for assistance in Europe. How does McNarney expect fascists, whether they be Polish or otherwise, to be of any use in carrying out an anti-Nazi policy in Germany? Or is it perhaps that no such policy is contemplated? If McNarney needs replacements he can get plenty of anti-fascists among the Jews and the former inmates of concentration camps.

It's also queer how the British and American authorities always seem to find Soviet-hating recruits from those countries whose borders touch the Soviet Union.

When the Soviet delegates at London, like Vishinsky and Manuisky, charge that there is a danger to world peace in the crushing of democratic movements, their charge gains even more weight from the revelations made by Molotov about these fascist armies in the British and U. S. zones.

Wage-Price Sleight-of-Hand

EVERYBODY wants to know President Truman's new wage-price formula. Newspapers are speculating about what's in it. Will he hit the jackpot? Has he got the magic combination?

The CIO wrote government officials asking to be heard before the magic got a public workout. This was "greeted with surprise." Apparently Washington considers it odd that leaders of labor's wage fight want to be heard on how the fight should be settled.

We don't think it's odd. We believe the CIO should get a hearing immediately.

The way to raise wages is to take the money from profits, dividends and accumulated corporation reserves. The trusts have the national wealth and they're using it to force a new depression instead of raising wages.

President Truman proposes an 18½ cents an hour raise for steel. That's less than the 25 cents workers lost after V-J Day. But labor accepted.

U. S. Steel proposes to pay the 18½ cents an hour by jacking up the cost of steel per ton to the public.

That's not a deal. That's a steal.

If the Administration lets it go through prices will go up in other fields. You'll have more money in your envelope but it won't buy more.

Labor must be heard before policy is announced and demand provisions in contracts that will protect their buying power if the cost of living rises.

Between the Lines

America at the UNO

by Joseph Starobin

MOST of the discussion in the American press on the Anglo-Soviet clash before the UNO revolves around the notion that the United States is a Lord Fauntleroy who must not stoop to throw bricks the way the Russian and the British "Dead-End Kids" are doing. It is suggested that the United States ought to mediate the quarrels over Greece, Iran, Indonesia—especially the conflicts of the Near East—which most commentators portray as though both the USSR and Great Britain are "empires," grasping at each others' throats, knee-deep in the oil fields.



I see where even I. F. Stone of PM finds himself on Thursday in the company of Walter Lippmann, of the N. Y. Herald Tribune in advancing this thesis. These strange bedfellows have got their facts wrong. Their advice does not conform to American interests; that is, the interests of our people as distinguished from the collective interest of the great monopolistic corporations who in the last analysis determine American foreign policy today.

To begin with, any conception of Soviet policy which is based on the idea that it is an empire, fighting for imperialist strategic stakes, does not conform to the truth. The Soviet internal structure is fundamentally different from Britain's; nothing shows the contrast between social-democracy a la Bevin and genuine socialism a la Stalin than the way British Labor leaders are fighting for empire positions even more frantically than Churchill.

To Britain as an imperialist power, the maintenance of puppet states in the Arab world and the maintenance of an ulcerous crisis in Palestine is part of a program that also dooms the whole colonial world to degeneration, illiteracy, feudalism, and reaction.

For the Soviet Union the issue is not domination. It is not even her immediate strategic needs such as control of the Dardanelles, which is truly a Soviet life-line. The issue is the independence and modernization of this vast desert of festering decadence. Only such a Middle East and only such a

Far East offer guarantees to the Soviet Union of a peaceful future.

That distinction of policy and needs is crucial. Only those who are incapable of understanding the USSR except in their own image—the image of imperialism—will blur this distinction.

Is U. S. Just the Innocent Bystander?

Is the United States a neutral? I think it is true that relations between the USSR and the USA are better than the relations between Britain and the USSR, and this is important, tactically.

But in cold fact, the policy of the United States has been to maintain the British imperial position at all costs, while exacting a heavy price in financial and economic penetration.

Theoretically, the United States could afford to see the dissolution of the British Empire; American imperialism is in deadly fear of such a prospect because it would alter the world balance between the new forms of democracy and socialism on the one hand, and American imperialism on the other.

Mr. Bevin is therefore quite right when he says that British troops are in Indonesia under the orders of Gen. Douglas MacArthur; this truth does not excuse British policy; it only implicates American policy.

It demonstrates to I. F. Stone and to Walter Lippmann that this country has in fact been committed to the restoration of the colonial empires. Instead of meeting this fact, expose it, fighting against it head on, both gentlemen (and we expected more from Stone) are kidding the public when they project the United

States as an innocent bystander.

It is not an innocent in Greece, in the Near East—where American corporations are really fighting for oil—and it is not a disinterested party anywhere in Asia.

Should We Play Umpire?

The question is: should the United States be disinterested? Should it mediate? For my money, even such a policy would not correspond to American needs, that is, the need of a long peace which our people deeply desire.

For a long peace requires revolutionary changes everywhere in the colonial and semi-colonial world. If our generation and our children shall not have to fight another war—in Bulgaria or Iraq or Manchuria—this requires such internal changes in those countries as will remove them from the roster of semi-fascist, backward, feudalistic regimes. That is, to modernize and democratize them according to the specific peculiarities of their own level of development.

Such a modernization would not be "Soviet expansionism," but it would change the world balance against those ascendant American forces who wish to dominate the world.

Yet such a program is the true American interest. It requires—not mediation—but intimate collaboration with the Soviet Union.

It is a program that cannot be achieved without fighting to reorient American policy as a whole, without fighting monopoly within the United States on every single front. It is a hard program to achieve. But it would be much less arduous than another war.

Worth Repeating

In his report to the National Committee of the Communist Party last November, Eugene Dennis said: "The United States emerged from this war as the strongest imperialist power in the midst of a weakened world capitalist system. Today the dominant sections of American monopoly capital aim to utilize in an imperialist way the gigantic postwar military and economic power of the United States. Despite important differences over methods, the big monopolists are united around one central objective—to achieve America's spheres of influence and trade advantages through oppressive policies toward other peoples, to buttress American and hence world capitalism."—Page 10, *America at the Crossroads*.

China Political Captives Face Death

The lives of thousands of political prisoners in China are in danger, the Daily Worker learned exclusively yesterday. Persons recently back from China gave the facts to the Daily Worker.

Despite the recent Political Consultative Council's agreement to release political prisoners, there are indications that Chiang Kai-shek may go back on his word—as he has before.

Immediately after the Oct. 10 agreement with Mao Tse-tung, in which Chiang also promised to release prisoners, Chiang's Gestapo chief, Tai Li, flew to Siam, took 40 Communists out of the concentration camp there and shot them on the spot.

When the Political Consultative Council opened, Chiang spoke fine words about amnesty. But two days later Yang Chao, well known liberal writer and OWI employee, was dead. He had been imprisoned.

Kuomintang authorities in Hong Chow claimed Yang had been sick of malaria and died of an overdose of medicine. Friends suspect strongly

that Yang was poisoned deliberately, particularly since quinine is extremely scarce throughout China.

Prague Combing Out Criminals

PRAGUE, Feb. 8 (UP).—Laurence A. Steinhardt, United States Ambassador, protested formally to the Czech Government today against the molestation of Americans and other foreigners in raids by the SNB (special police) early Thursday morning.

The raids were made in connection with a general comb-out and check-up, purportedly based on efforts to clear the city of American and other army deserters accused of murders, thefts and black marketing.

Report Missing Nazi Now in Argentina

BERLIN, Feb. 8 (UP).—A report that Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's missing deputy, might be alive in South America was published today by the German newspaper Nacht Express, which is printed in the Soviet zone.

The story, without a dateline, was headed: "Is Bormann in South America?" It said a group of Argentine refugees called "Asociacion de Mayo" broadcast from Montevideo on Thursday that Bormann landed in Southern Patagonia after having crossed the Atlantic in the German submarine U-534.

When Yang was arrested in Fukien Province as a "traitor" last July—on the soon exploded pretext that he had spoken with a man sent behind enemy lines by OWI—many others were arrested with him. They included Cheng Chen and Chow Pi, names well known in China.

Other tens of thousands of anonymous prisoners in jails and concentration camps throughout China may die of "accidental" poisoning, may "disappear," unless Chiang is forced to keep his word.

The Kuomintang has already indicated its new way of getting

around the agreement to release political prisoners. It is simply to insist that prisoners were not jailed for political reasons.

This is the case with the Manchurian Young Marshall, Chang Hsueh-liang, twice pardoned and twice re-imprisoned for having kidnapped Chiang Kai-shek in Sian in 1936, forcing the Kuomintang leader to form a united front with the Communists against the Japanese invasion.

It is also their excuse for continuing to hold Gen. Yeh Ting, Communist commander of the New Fourth Army who was jailed in

1941 after Kuomintang troops attacked his forces from the rear as they were crossing the Yangtze River in accordance with Chungking's instructions.

Meet Feb. 14 on New Constitution

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8 (UP).—The committee created by the political Consultative Council to revise the Chinese constitution drafted in 1936 will hold its first meeting Feb. 14, it was announced today.

The constitution will be submitted to the National Assembly May 6.

NO LIAISON WITH SOVIETS, SAYS WEDEMEYER

Studies Repatriating of Japanese, Moves Chiang Troops

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8 (UP).—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, revealed today that there is no liaison between Soviet forces in Manchuria and Americans in the China theater.

A War Department directive and orders from the joint chiefs-of-staff charged him with responsibility for the repatriation of Japanese in all China, including Manchuria, but he doesn't know whether the chiefs-of-staff cleared arrangements with the Soviets, Wedemeyer said.

He said efforts are being made to learn the number and status of Japanese in Manchuria and to ascertain transportation, food and other factors "which will be essential to me when we have facilities to begin repatriation."

At present, available shipping and personnel are being used to repatriate Japanese from North China and to move Chinese troops from South and Central China to Manchuria, he pointed out.

The repatriation section of G-3

has estimated there are 1,600,000 Japanese soldiers and civilians in Manchuria.

Asked whether U. S. headquarters in China has been kept informed about Soviet withdrawals from Manchuria, Wedemeyer replied, "I have not been informed about that

matter. There has been no liaison between the Soviet forces and us."

Wedemeyer said he had no knowledge of plans, rumored in Chungking, to withdraw the American Army from China and place the theater entirely in the hands of the Navy.

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Tomorrow Manhattan

"THE SCHOOLS AND NEGRO HISTORY"—a forum featuring Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, UNRRA executive and minister to Liberia; Dr. Howard Selsam; Dorey Wilkerson; Gwendolyn Bennett; Julius Schatz; Earl Jones of "Strange Fruit." Adm. 25c. Elks Hall, 15 W. 128 St., Sunday, 3 p.m. Aupp. Carver School.

VLADIMAR KAZAKEWITCH on "Past and Present Relationship Between the Soviet Union and America." TWO Forum. Adm. 35c. Washington Heights IWO, 571 W. 187 St.

DR. GENE WELTISH, co-author "Races of Mankind"; Dr. Alpheus Hunton, Councilman Eugene Connolly speaking at observance of Negro History Week. Pete Seeger and his guitar. Sunday, Feb. 10, 4 p.m. ALP 3d A. D. So., 313 Eighth Ave. (nr. 28 St.) Refreshments. Adm. 25c.

"A REPORT FROM INSIDE INDIA" by Moses Miller, a veteran just returned from two years in India. Including group singing. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. cor. 16 St., at 8:30 p.m.

TOMORROW—SUNDAY at 8:30 p.m. Young America Institute presents by popular request, Irma Kraft, author, dramatic critic, in noted interviews with Eugene O'Neill, Somerset Maugham, Bernard Shaw; at 161 W. 37 St., opposite Carnegie Hall, Sub. 60c. Youth of all ages invited. Social and discussion follow.

COCKTAIL PARTY, Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. Caribbean Club, 227 Seventh Ave., near 149 St. Dancing, dining, entertainment by Princess Nyoka, exotic West Indian dancer, Lord Beginner, Calypso singer and Hannah Sylvester. Also folk dancing; Ann Agin and Co. Williamsburgh CP and Fort Greene. Adm. 84c.

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GENERAL VICTOR YAKHONTOFF will speak on Far Eastern Affairs. Sunday, Feb. 10, 8:30 p.m., in Cooperative Auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East.

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Blame U. S. Firms For Chile Crisis

Behind Chile's two recent general strikes was a plot to break up the labor and democratic movement and pave the way for a right wing coup d'etat. This plot was exposed just before last week's massacre by Juan Vargas Puebla, Chilean labor leader.

In an interview with CTAL News, organ of the Latin American Confederation of Labor in Mexico, Vargas said:

"Mass anti-imperialist feeling has been aroused by anti-democratic intervention in Chilean affairs by such American firms as Braden Copper, Andes Mining, Anaconda Copper and Tarapaca - Antofagasta Nitrate. These companies tie in with Chilean reaction to try to break up democratic and labor organizations, provoke mass unrest through manipulation of prices and commodity supplies, rebel openly against Board of Arbitration decisions favoring labor and refuse to consider any and all demands presented by the trade unions."

"Generally speaking," Vargas added, "the government has been too slow and too weak in face of the reactionary attack and labor has been forced to take into its own hands the defense of its lawful rights."

He pointed out as examples of such action the strikes of nitrate workers and copper miners against unjust firing without legal compensation and the refusal of longshoremen at Tocopilla, Antofagasta, Lota and Coronel to load ships going to Franco Spain or Peron Argentina.

Weakness of the government was shown, he said, in the fact that it yielded to reactionary pressure in these cases and "threatened to militarize the ports." This threat, Vargas declared, "was met by the organized resistance of Chilean labor."

Pointing to the "artificial and unchecked rise in prices," Vargas declared that "the fight for wage raises is obviously justified. The Confederation of Chilean Workers (OTH) has set up a Consumers Defense Committee which is urging the government to take drastic steps against speculation and hoarding."

The CTCh has also urged, that the government set up a National Economic Council "which could study problems of production, prices and distribution."

Chile's Democratic Alliance, which groups progressive political parties and the CTCh, "has gone into action on the side of the people and is extending its organization to all corners of the country."

Mobilization of the masses "around defense of their rights and their demands," Vargas declared, "is being speeded up in order to smash the reactionary plot."

July 6, 1776

The Declaration of Independence was first published July 6, 1776, in the Pennsylvania Evening Post, Philadelphia.

FURTWÄENGLER ARRESTED BY FRENCH IN AUSTRIA

BERLIN, Feb. 8 (UP).—Wilhelm Furtwaengler, former conductor of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, whose relations with the Nazis have been the subject of an international controversy, has been arrested by French security police in Austria, it was reported today.

The Soviet-licensed afternoon paper Nacht Express said in a dispatch carrying a Salzburg dateline that Furtwaengler was taken into custody yesterday as he crossed the Austrian border from Switzerland en route to Vienna.

The dispatch said his traveling companion, Prof. Bernhard Baumgartner, director of the Salzburg Musical Institute, was not arrested.

General Strike In Chile Ended

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 8 (UP).—The strike committee of the Chilean Federation of Labor tonight voted unanimously to end the general strike it began Monday.

The strike brought a wide open split between Communists comprising about 60 percent of the federation and Socialists who make up most of the remainder.

Socialists stayed on the job, and Army and Navy personnel kept vital public services functioning. The government, in a statement issued shortly before the federation announced the end of the strike, said it would make no changes in the middle-of-the-road cabinet sworn in Sunday.

Claim We Can't Speed Gls Home

FRANKFURT, Feb. 8. (UP).—Between 90,000 and 100,000 G. I. replacements are scheduled to reach the European theater in the first three months of 1946, it was announced today, but their arrival will probably not speed up the current redeployment program.

Theater headquarters announced that the replacements are needed to bring occupation forces up to the minimum strength set for May 1.

Truman Ignores Yamashita Plea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (UP).—The War Department announced today that President Truman has decided to take no action in Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's plea for executive clemency from the death sentence imposed by a U. S. military commission.

Raid Nets Japanese Arms, Food Stores

NIIGATA CITY, Japan, Feb. 8 (UP).—A surprise raid by police of Niigata Prefecture on homes of demobilized Japanese soldiers today produced a hoard of pistols, swords and military sabers.

Military supplies will be turned over to Allied forces, illegally hidden rice, charcoal, cigarettes, blankets and similar items will be distributed to the public by the prefectural government.

Lerner Workers, Set To Strike, Win Pact

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In this corner

Time Has Taught Nothing to George Trevor

Bill Mardo

Won't some guys ever learn?

Take the New York Sun's track sage, Mr. George Trevor. Yesterday Trevor had a piece devoted to Frank Dixon, the great Negro miler. The head over the story even read: "Dixon Is Best Negro Miler."

One would almost think Trevor had something worthwhile to say. But under the guise of paying tribute to Dixon's running abilities, the Sun's scribbler goes on to say: "Beyond doubt Dixon is the best of all Negro milers, not excepting Phil Edwards. . . Negro runners rarely excel at routes above 1,000 yards, speed being their forte rather than stamina."

I wonder if George Trevor realizes that aside from the stupidity of such a remark, he is also supporting the Hitler-Bilbo school of thought, which has long ranted about the inability of Negroes to do one thing or another on a par with whites.

All Trevor needed to make his collaboration complete was a series of anatomical charts and diagrams to "prove that Negroes are built differently."

I'm sure the Sun writer would have been able to borrow such conclusive "data" from the Hearst files. The San Simeon rancher is quite generous on such matters.

Mister Trevor, mister Trevor . . . haven't you learned anything at all from your long experience as a sports writer? Don't you think that if one wanted to devote the time to once again review the achievements of Negroes in sports and in all phases of endeavor, that you could be made to look quite ridiculous indeed?

Ah nuts.

Harry the Tower Boykoff put on another show Thursday night, this time for the edification of Boston College's quintet. The big, husky Redman continued to display why his "comeback" is now a thing of the past by dropping in 21 points to spark the St. John's crew to a 69-44 shellacking over the Bean City hoopsters.

Yes, there's no question any more that Boykoff has come back all the way since his Army discharge. The popular pivot-artist no longer has to worry about his stamina or timing, which understandably plagued him earlier this season.

The Big Guy is good for 20 points a game every time he steps onto the hardwood floor, make no mistake about that.

ITEM: The Rangers lost another Thursday pee-em . . . this time against the Detroit Red Wings, 4-2. Let's stop the presses on that one, fellas.

Some two years ago a young Negro kid from Chicago fought a six-round prelim at the Garden. The name was Freddie Dawson, and he impressed us greatly with his speed afoot, powerful left hand and general classiness. That was also the night baby-faced Tony Janiro made his Gotham debut, and I remember writing a column on both boys and advising our readers to remember their names.

Well, young Janiro stayed in New York and quickly broke into the big-time. Tony did and will do just about as well as can be expected of any talented boxer without a punch.

But Dawson went back to the Loop City and little more was heard from him. Either the kid went into the Army or his management wisely decided to bring him along slowly. Anyway it gave us quite a kick to read earlier this week that one Freddie Dawson held NBA lightweight champion Ike Williams to a sizzling draw in Philadelphia.

So once again: Remember the name. Unless I'm greatly mistaken, Freddie Dawson's moniker will be up in lights over the Madison Square Garden marquee before much more time elapses. He's a nifty little fist-fighter.

P.S.—Wish I could say I'll be seeing you at the Notre-Dame-NYU clash tonight. But there's a little matter of tickets and a guy named Ned Irish that makes it impossible for you and most other hoop fans in the city to attend the game. So, until the day when basketball is put back in the hands of the colleges and the kids who go to school—all I can recommend is: Read Monday's Daily Worker for complete coverage of the contest.

C'mon New York!

ITEMS, ITEMS, ITEMS . . .

Rookie outfielder Stanley Wentzel, voted the American Association's Most Valuable Player and outstanding rookie last season, has signed his 1946 contract with the Boston Braves.

Wentzel, the second player in the history of the American Association to receive both awards, roamed the outfield for Indianapolis in 154 games, he made 134 hits, including 35 doubles, 11 triples and 14 homers for a batting average of .323.

Right-hander Max Butcher is balking today over a proposed cut in his 1945 salary and may not accompany the Pittsburgh Pirates when they leave Monday for their El Centro, Cal., training camp.

Tom Collica, halfback for the National League Cleveland Rams

for four years, has jumped to the Cleveland Browns in the rival All-America circuit, following team-mate Don Greenwood.

Greenwood's signing with the Browns was disclosed yesterday, both players gave their reason as wishing to remain in Cleveland since the Rams have switched their franchise to Los Angeles.

Elmore Harris of the Shore A. C. and the veteran Jimmy Herbert, who fought it out to the tape in the Millrose 600-yard run last week, will meet Feb. 16 in the Buermyer 500-yard event at the New York Athletic Club games.

Herbert, thrice winner of the event, will be making his 10th annual start. It was disclosed that Ed Dugger of Dayton, O., will try for his third consecutive 60-yard high hurdles title in the national A. A. U. indoor track meet Feb. 23.

NYU Picked Over Irish

By PHIL GORDON

So here she is. The Big Game. Notre Dame and NYU.

Those who've closely observed the Violets in action this season claim that Howard Cann's crew haven't as yet been put to the test against a really first-rate opponent out-side of North Carolina, who you'll remember, handed NYU its only loss in 13 games.

The classy set-shot artists from South Bend figure to provide such a test.

This evening's contest involves practically the same personnel as last year's game, won by the Irish, 66-60. Only change in Notre Dame's lineup—and an important difference it is—is Leo "Crystal" Klier, who returned to school after a year's service in the armed forces. Others who dot the Notre Dame lineup tonight are Johnny Dee, George Ratterman, talented Vince Boryla, Frank Gilhooley and Billy Hassett.

Well, friends, we might as well come right out with it and say we look for NYU to pull an upset tonight. It's our contention that Notre Dame is just a slightly over-rated club, and not at all the "invincibles" that Midwest press releases have been labeling it. True, it has two terrific performers in 6-4 center Vince Boryla and Leo Klier, the only other man over six feet tall on the team. But we think that Klier is going to have a helluva

time this evening, what with Sid Tannenbaum glued onto "Crystal's" tail. Though more known for his marksmanship, Tannenbaum is a very fine defensive player and he'll probably prove that anew tonight much to Klier's discomfort.

Adolph Schayes has himself a man-sized job trying to out-do talented Vince Boryla tonight—but the gangling youngster has been improving rapidly all season and if he gets "hot" in the pivot-slot then the Irish will be really in for a tough time of it. Schayes, though, will have to get down the court a whole lot faster than is often his wont—that being the kid's main deficiency so far as we can see it. He's a fine shot, and the only thing that has prevented him from becoming one of the nation's top-notch centers is an occasional sluggishness he displays in the foot-work department. But this is an important game, and we look for the Bronxite to be up to the occasion.

Frank Mangiapane can be counted on to out-hustle Johnny Dee or al-

Tonite's Lineups:

No. NOTRE DAME Pos.	N.Y.U. No.
2-Dee L.F.	Forman—8
21-Klier R.F.	Goldstein—17
28-Boryla C.	Schayes—23
8-Hassett L.G.	Tannenbaum—8
9-Gilhooley R.D.	Mangiapane—7
NOTRE DAME RESERVES: Ratterman (4), Goosen (7), Corley (10), O'Keefe (16), Bobek (17), Riley (22), Kluck (24).	
N.Y.U. RESERVES: Benanti (3), Sarath (4), O'Connor (5), Harris (9), DeBonis (10), Walsh (11), Smith (12), Roth (15), Kelly (18), Regan (19), Dolhon (19).	

most anyone else in the business. And it's precisely Frank's hustle and "money-shots" when the going is toughest that has made NYU the formidable team that it is. Don Forman, though not as consistent or talented as Tannenbaum and Mangiapane, nonetheless is a competent team-man and may cross up George Ratterman more than once this evening.

We think the Violets, though they haven't the steadiness and general smoothness that marks a Joe Lapchick-coached club, for example, still boast too much artistry and speed for the slicksters from South Bend, Indiana.

There, we said it, and we're glad.

11 A.M. TO NOON	
11:00-WEAF—Teentimers Club	WOR—Prescott Robinson
WJZ—Tell Me, Doctor	WABC—Warren Sweeney, News
WQXR—News; Music Box	WQXR—News; Music Box
WJZ—Let's Pretend	WQXR—Let's Pretend
WQXR—Philharmonic Symphony	Society Young Peoples Concert
11:15-WOR—Tex Fletcher	WJZ—Bible Message
WJZ—Smilin' Ed McConnell	WOR—Land of the Lost
WJZ—Chester Bowles—Talk	WABC—Billie Burke Show
WQXR—Saturday Serenade	WABC—Saturday Serenade
11:45-WJZ—Chet Gaylord, Songs	

NOON TO 2 P.M.	
12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time	WOR—House of Mystery
WJZ—Piano Playhouse	WABC—Theater of Today
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert	12:15-WJZ—Elizabeth Woodward
12:30-WEAF—To Be Announced	WQXR—News; Answer Man
WJZ—The American Farmer	WABC—Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WEAF—Farm and Home Hour	WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Symphonies for Youth	WABC—Grand Central Station
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony	1:15-WMCA—Health Talk
1:30-WEAF—The Veterans' Adviser	WOR—Ory House
WABC—County Fair	WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy's
1:45-WEAF—The American World	WJZ—News Reports
WQXR—Vocal Varieties	

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.	
2:00-WEAF—Harry Slick Orchestra	WOR—Louis Kaufman
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera—Puccini's Tosca	WABC—Of Men and Books
WMCA—News; This Is Our Town	WQXR—News; Music
2:15-WEAF—Radio Reporter	WOR—One Man's Destiny
WABC—Adventures in Science	2:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch
WOR—Courtney's Record Carnival	WQXR—Columbia Workshop
WABC—Music of Our Time	2:45-WEAF—Camp Meeting Choir
3:00-WEAF—St. Louis Symphony	WABC—Assignment Home
WMCA—News; Novena Services	WQXR—News; Request Music
2:30-WOR—It's Up to Youth	WABC—Talk—M. J. Caldwell
3:45-WABC—Cross Section—CIO	4:00-WEAF—Doctors at Home
WOR—Better Half—Matinee	WABC—Record Shop
WMCA—News; Western Songs	WQXR—News; Symphony Music
4:30-WEAF—First Piano Quartet	WOR—Fletcher Orchestra
WABC—Lawrence Orchestra	4:45-WOR—Eating at Hialeah
4:55-WABC—Olin Dames—Talk	5:00-WEAF—Studio Music
WOR—Musical Gray Bag	WJZ—Dance Music
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra	WQXR—News; Musical Milestones
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News	WOR—Korn Kobblers Music
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs	5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicale
WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs	WJZ—Milton Cross Show

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.	
6:00-WEAF—Lyle Van, News	WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Wilfred Felscher, News	WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WQXR—News; Music to Remember	6:15-WEAF—Around Town—John Cooper
WOR—Strictly Personal	WJZ—News Reports
WABC—People's Platform	WMCA—Recorded Songs
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music	6:30-WOR—Fred Vandevanter, News
WJZ—Harry Wismer, Sports	WMCA—Racing Results
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News	WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.	WABC—The World Today
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer	6:55-WABC—Robert Trout, News

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WMCA—570 Kc.	WEVD—1230 Kc.
WEAF—580 Kc.	WNEW—1130 Kc.
WQXR—710 Kc.	WLIR—1130 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.	WHN—1250 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.	WOV—1230 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.	WNY—1480 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc.	WQXR—1460 Kc.

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT	
9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance	WOR—Leave It to the Girls
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play	WABC—Hill Parade
WQXR—News; Shoot the Works	WQXR—News Reports
9:05-WQXR—Talk—Dennis Plimmer	9:20-WQXR—Request Music
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?	WOR—Break the Bank
WABC—Play—With Helen Hayes	WMCA—News; Dance Music
WQXR—News; Footlight Echoes	7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz	WJZ—It's Your Business

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GM Strike Filmed by Auto Workers Union

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT.—Today in Detroit, movie cameras are filming and recording the great strike of 172,000 GM workers. The film is being shot right on the picket lines, union halls and soup kitchens under the supervision of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO.

It is part of a well-planned union film program. For several years the UAW, whose 1,250,000 members make up the largest and most powerful union in the nation, has played a leading role in the use of films by labor organizations.

As a result of the long time interest of the union in movies, 200 projectors are now available through the UAW for showing 16mm films. The locals make their selections from 450 prints in the UAW film library. Some of these are U. S. Army and Navy, OWI, British Information and Inter-American Affairs films. The UAW owns 210 films of its own.

No less than 375 local unions use them regularly for meetings. Last year more than five and a half million people saw films presented under UAW auspices. Not all these people were union members. Fire Departments, Community Centres, Consumers groups, fraternal and political groups went to the movies with the UAW.

THE NEGRO SOLDIER

During the summer of 1945, thousands of showings took place in public parks, beaches and amusement places. One of the films shown was *The Negro Soldier*. With housing a critical issue particularly in the Negro communities, the UAW showed this and other films that explained the splitting role of discrimination in all sectors of the

country, and gave the UAW Housing Commission's program for building low cost housing for all without discrimination. One of the full time movie operators of the union is a Negro auto worker.

That the union's interest in producing films is no flash-in-the-pan idea is seen by the union report to the last UAW convention. A thousand delegates unanimously passed a motion to "use to the fullest technique so that the local union committee can carry the program of the union out to greater and greater sections of America." These visual techniques included film strips, charts, posters, cartoons, paintings and the development of labor dramatics.

EXPERTS IN FIELD

The convention passed another resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the production of films. It was stipulated that these films shall be prepared by recognized experts in the field using the latest methods and techniques so that the union films would be on a par with commercial films.

The convention also decided that at least one film shall be made dealing with the problem of discrimination and one dealing with the history of the union.

And now the GM strike is being filmed. Soon the longest picket line in America will be shown on the screen. Watch for it at your nearest union hall.



DOROTHY MCGUIRE

Suspenseful Whodunit At The Palace

By DAVID PLATT

The killer in this RKO Radio creepier at the Palace is a maniac who is out to rid the world of physically imperfect women. Better than most films of this type, *The Spiral Staircase* has to its credit good direction by Robert Siodmak and a fine performance by Dorothy McGuire in a non-speaking role.

As the picture opens the stranger has already done in three cripples. The next victim lives in a haunted house with a spiral staircase. There we find Miss McGuire, who has lost the use of her voice as a result of a childhood shock, taking care of Ethel Barrymore, an invalid with a deep suspicion of someone in the house.

Also George Brent, a mild-mannered professor of something or other, Rhys Williams, the butler (he didn't do it), Elsa Lancaster, the cook (comedy relief), Sara Allgood, an impatient nurse, Gordon Oliver, a playboy, Kent Smith, a doctor and others. The finger points to two of the above.

As usual, the murderer makes his entrance at night accompanied by a violent storm and closeups of his mad right eye. Miss McGuire, who is at the center of the mystery, provides most of the thrills and suspense.

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'January Thaw' At the Golden

JANUARY THAW, a new comedy by William Roos, adapted from the novel by Bellamy Partridge, presented by Michael Todd at the Golden, with Robert Keith, Lulu Mae Hubbard, Charles Middleton, Helen Carew, Irving Morrow, Natalie Thompson, Lorna Lynn, John Hudson, Charles Burrows, Charles Nevil and others; staged by Ezra Stone; setting by Watson Barratt.

By JOHN REINER

"January Thaw" is credited with being a new comedy. It is not funny with very little that is new in it. The humor, the acting and staging are cliché. The characters are pastedboard: the overwrought father who can't find a place to work in quiet; the mother who means well and brings more trouble; the ingenu daughter about to marry her lieutenant; the children Paul and Sarah.

The Family lives in a house in Connecticut recently purchased and decorated. But the real owners, Connecticut Okies, Ma and Pa Rockwood and prodigal son Matt, return. Republican and primitive, they prefer Calvin Coolidge to the Democrats in their house and in the White House, the privy to the in-

door bathroom and reclaim the spice bin and coffee grinder made into lamps. Says mother to father "Don't you see we must try to get along with the Rockwoods. If we can't live with them in our home how can we expect to get along with the Russians?" or similar words to that effect.

A snowstorm cuts off all electricity, reducing the family to hunger and cold and thereby giving the Rockwoods with their primitive ways the advantage. Necessity then forces mom and dad and the rest to accept the Rockwoods although they in turn have taken to the indoor plumbing. If this is cause for hilarity then "January Thaw" must be a comedy.

The acting is forced and overdone except for Charles Middleton as Pa Rockwood who portrays with ease the same kind of character he's done for years in films.

Ezra Stone's direction is forced and unoriginal but well paced. Watson Barratt's setting brought a speck of originality to the one set country living room.

Huberman Book on Unions Coming

Of Leo Huberman's book *The Truth About Unions* which Raynal and Hitchcock's Pamphlet Press will publish on Feb. 18, Philip Murray says: "Leo Huberman has performed an invaluable service to the labor movement. His book is a simple, clear account of the reason for unions, their structure, their importance in our society. It should be read by every worker in the United States."

The *Truth About Unions* was written not so much for those who are already familiar with the inside story of unions—their organization and their functioning—but rather for the thousands whose knowledge of the labor movement has been derived from radio and press reports. Among the topics specifically discussed in the 21 chapters are jurisdictional disputes, collective bargaining, strikes, the closed shop, racketeering, union-busting.

Suzari Puppets At Children's Club

A return engagement of Suzari, the Master Puppet, with a new marionette show in five scenes will feature today's program of the Children's Saturday Matinee Club at the Beacon Theatre, Broadway and 74 St. It will be the group's fifth program.

On the screen, the featurette will be *Mardi Grass*, a Technicolor dramatization of the gay carnival held annually in New Orleans.

Chinese Dancer At Times Hall

Ming-Chu, young Chinese dancer has been added to the program of "New Concert Stars of the World" to be presented by International Programs, tonight, 8:30 p.m. at Times Hall. Miss Ming-Chu has just returned from seven months U.S.O. service overseas and this will be her first performances back in the United States.

IWO Magazine Observes Negro History Week

By ANN SEYMOUR

The February issue of *Fraternal Outlook*, IWO monthly magazine, contains many features in relation to observance of Negro History Week.

The cover features a statement by Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Commerce.

Albert E. Kahn, co-author of the new book *The Great Conspiracy* has a short article on "Unity of Negro and Jew." Mr. Kahn is president of the IWO Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order.

The issue also contains articles by IWO Negro leaders, Mrs. Louise Thompson-Patterson and Sam Patterson, as well as material by Max Bedacht, General Secretary of the IWO.

DEMAND FOR BULLETIN

It took only two days to exhaust the supply of five thousand copies of the Negro History Week Bulletin issued by the IWO. The demand for thousands of additional copies is still mounting. No extra copies, however, will be available.

Dean Dixon, 1945 winner of IWO Lodge 500's Negro History Award for cultural achievement will speak at a Negro History Week meeting of the Workers Fellowship, Society for Ethical Culture, 2 W. 84th St. on Monday, Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m. Miss Lillian Hellman, the playwright and Sidney Walton, WHN commentator, will speak on the same program.

As a 1946 Negro History Week award, Lodge 500 will present the George Washington Carver School and the Institute for Jewish Studies



Valerie Black, who plays the title role in "Anna Lucasta" now in its second year at the Mansfield Theatre.

student scholarships of \$100 each. The award will be made at the lodge annual dance at Webster Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9. Kenneth Spencer, Mary Lou Williams, Josh White and other Negro headliners will entertain at this affair.

Woody Guthrie Ballad Singer

Woody Guthrie, the well-known ballad singer, will be the featured entertainer at the Pre-Valentine Day Cabaret-Party of the Joe York Club, tonight (Saturday) at 125 E. 170 St., Bronx.

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Crack Filibuster, Murray Urges

NO YIELDING TO MINORITY ALSO ASKED BY LAWYERS

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A demand that the Senate refuse to surrender to the filibustering minority of Southern Democrats on a permanent FEPC was issued late today by Philip Murray, president of CIO.

and Robert W. Kenny, president of the National Lawyers Guild. The two statements were issued following the announcement that a vote on cloture will take place tomorrow afternoon (Saturday) at 4

p.m., when many eastern Senators are home for a weekend. If the cloture vote is defeated, as expected, Democratic and Republican leaders have agreed to displace the FEPC bill.

Murray declared the Senate has the clear duty to vote on the merits of the bill, and that it must be kept on the floor in its present form.

"For three weeks now, a disgraceful filibuster, conducted by a minority group of Senators representing a minority of their own constituencies, has balked the will of the majority," said Murray.

If this "license to obstruct" is not withdrawn, Murray asserted, "the American people will face similar obstructions on every other progressive measure of concern to the entire nation."

"For this reason, I urge all Senators who value democracy to demand an immediate vote on the merits of the issue now before them today, the creation of a permanent FEPC."

Kenny condemned the filibuster and called on Democrats and Republicans to stand firm until a vote on the bill is taken. He urged that supporters of the bill vote against displacement or recommitment, and that they insist on repeated cloture votes until the fight is won. He demanded that the vote for displacement, if taken, be a record vote.

Tugmen's Strike Goes On

By JOHN MELDON

Striking AFL tugboat men voted almost two-to-one yesterday against returning to work under terms offered by the New York Tow Boat Association. These were no better than terms the men voted down earlier in the week. The vote was 881 to 467.

Angry crowds of harbor men stood outside the polls at Sailors' Union of the Pacific headquarters at 105 Broad St. as the ballots were cast. Hundreds refused to vote when they read the terms proposed.

Meanwhile, the 10-man strike committee resigned in a body shortly before the voting started. This was in protest against the high handed method in conducting the referendum by Capt. William Bradley, president of Local 333, United Marine Division of Joe (King) Ryan's International Longshoremen's Association.

Bradley, the strikers said, met with tug employers Thursday and kept the proposed settlement terms secret until they appeared on the ballots yesterday morning. The strike committee charged Bradley had not consulted them because he would have feared a thumbs down from the committee on even submitting the terms to the strikers.

Settlement proposals were the same as those made at the beginning of the strike six days ago by Mayor O'Dwyer. The Mayor suggested a 15 cent hourly wage increase, five cents more than the employers had offered on the eve of the tie-up. The strikers are demanding \$1.35 hourly for unlicensed men instead of the current 67-72 cent rate, and \$1.52 and \$1.83 for licensed personnel; two weeks vacation with pay and a 40 hour week instead of 48 hours.

Meanwhile, a survey of the harbor revealed that the striking tugboat men were still adamant in refusing to return to their jobs under President Truman's seizure order. Government operated tugs increased from Wednesday to Thursday from 11 to 40, with prospects of more being added as the strike progresses. Armed U. S. Marines are stationed aboard the federally run boats.

RYAN RULE SLIPPING

Apparently Capt. Bradley felt his grip on the union slipping as the voting went on yesterday. Strikers were unsparing in their remarks against him and other union officials as they stood around outside the polling place. Bradley told newsmen after the vote was announced: "The strike is still on and will continue until we come to terms. I am certainly not surprised at the results

of the voting." However, Bradley told reporters Thursday night: "I believe the men will accept the proposal." He said the union's wage negotiating committee will resume meetings with the employers association.

BALK STRIKE PLOT

What effect the continuation of the strike will have on the prospects of city schools closing due to a reported fuel shortage remained to be seen. Mayor O'Dwyer in a series of emergency orders during the week ordered a citywide "brownout," closing of all publicly operated buildings excepting those essential to health and safety having only three days supply of fuel and a general tightening up on oil and fuel sales. The Mayor rescinded, on Thursday, an order to close the schools when it was believed that yesterday's balloting would end the tie-up.

Delegates to New York's AFL

Central Trades and Labor Council have rebuffed a leadership move to break the tugmen's strike.

The delegates were cold to a proposal from President Martin T. Lacey and vice-president William A. Murray for power to instruct the strikers to go back to work because of the "health emergency."

Ben Scher, delegate from Motion Picture Operators Local 306, backed by a delegate from the Bakers, pressed for the right of tugmen to continue their strike until guarantees of wage increases are provided and support for this view was so great that Lacey and Murray backed down.

Joseph Tuvim, International Ladies Garment Workers Union delegate, had a red-baiting word for the tugmen. He said that those who voted to continue the strike were "communist" and compared them to Western Union strikers, whom he also red-baited.

No-Job Job Bill Goes to White House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (UP).—The Senate approved a compromise "job" bill by voice vote today. President Truman is expected to sign it into law.

The bill does not "assure" jobs for all willing and able to work, as proposed in the original Senate bill, which would have made it the Government's responsibility to provide employment.

UAW-GM Parley Off Till Monday

DETROIT, Feb. 8 (UP).—General Motors Corp. and the CIO United Auto Workers recessed negotiations tonight until Monday.

James F. Dewey, Labor Department mediator, said an hour's meeting today was fruitless, as were four previous sessions.

A National Labor Relations Board hearing will take further testimony on charges that GM failed to bargain in good faith with the UAW.

CPA Smoking Out Nylon Hose

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (UP).—The Civilian Production Administration cracked down today on manufacturers of Nylon hose and men's shirts who have been withholding their products from the market.

In telegrams to a group of Nylon hose producers and several manufacturers, CPA ordered an immediate halt to further manufacture of apparel items until their inventories have been reduced.

In addition, CPA warned manufacturers that they must not accept delivery of yarn or fabric or place new orders for cloth until their inventories have been reduced "to a practicable minimum."

The CPA said its Compliance Division has turned up several instances of excessive hoarding.

CPA investigators found that one Pennsylvania manufacturer of nylon hose was holding more than 1,700,000 pairs of nylons off the market on Jan. 31.

Meat Workers Weigh 16c Boost

Critical of Buck-Passing to Public

By CARL HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—CIO packinghouse workers today carefully weighed the meaning of the recommended 16-cent wage increase, the brunt of which will be passed on to the consumer.

The proposed increase, 20 percent, will be presented to a National Wage Policy Conference of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union here Monday.

While the union may approve the raise, there was much dissatisfaction expressed here with the fact-finding panel's proposal that the government and the public bear 11 cents of the increase. Meat packers are declaring they want to pass the entire raise on to the public.

Herb March, president of District

One, UPWA, focused attention again on the exorbitant profits of the packers and on the low wage levels in a statement here today.

"The basic issue here is that the packers can well afford to pay the wage demands of the union entirely out of their inflated profits," he declared.

Profits in the meat-packing industry exceed even the high wartime profits in every other basic industry, union figures indicate.

The packers realized a 556 percent increase in profits before taxes since the period before the war, data assembled for the fact board showed. This compares with 195.7 percent in the iron and steel industry, and with 229.9 percent in all manufacturing industries.

Profit prospects of the packers are the best in their entire history, the union further pointed out.

It was estimated that a 20 percent wage increase would cost Armour & Co. annually a total of \$14,793,720.

During the same year the firm, however, would save \$18,774,962 through elimination of overtime, increased productivity, tax concessions and increased sales.

Under a system of double book-keeping, the heavy profits are allocated to the by-product subsidiaries of the corporations, while the slaughtering division appears to be operating in the red.

This week the UPWA reiterated its demand that the federal government permanently operate the meat-packing industry as a public utility.

War II he served as first, second and third officer with the U. S. Shipping Board. Twenty years ago he served as captain of the "Yarmouth," Black Star Line steamer. His first trip on the Booker T. was in October, 1942. Since that time, the ship has taken 14 voyages and delivered over 18 cargoes. Approximately 18,000 troops have been transported back and forth by this inter-racial crew while Capt. Mulzac heads.

The S.S. Booker T. Washington is under the Luckenbach Line. Capt. Mulzac said. "As with all Liberty ships, I understood the Booker T. is up for sale," the captain said. But he expressed determination that he will captain another ship if this happens.

It was his crew that the captain spoke of most warmly. He described the anxiety of many of his crew for jobs after the war, and for a guarantee that the "democratic spirit of the Booker T. Washington" is carried out in the United States. Many of the Negro troops were brought over, he said, discussed the need for a national law against discrimination. They expressed the desire to return to Europe, instead of coming home. "The way they put it," he said, "is that even if they must come, they would rather try to beat their way back over there than come home to Jimcrow in the U. S."

The captain further stated that "in every victory won by labor Negro people have a stake. If an FEPC law is not passed, it will mark one of the most dangerous departures from the program of Roosevelt."

Michigan GOP Bids \$1.50 for Each Vet

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 8.—Republican proposals to the Michigan legislature to answer veterans' medical, housing and financial needs add up to \$1.50 cents for each former GI, the CIO veterans committee, which is leading a mass delegation of vets here Sunday, estimated today.

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Capt. Mulzac Seeks Coast Guard Apology

Capt. Hugh Mulzac, skipper of the Booker T. Washington, told reporters yesterday that he intends to demand an apology from the U. S. Coast Guard for the humiliation suffered at its hands in Marseilles.

He also called on all Negro leaders, labor, religious and civic representatives "to show the wrath of the people against the filibusters and Senators who have betrayed FEPC."

Capt. Mulzac detailed the smear against him and his ship at the French port, when he was accused of being responsible for stowing away a German girl.

The hearing officer in Marseilles, Lt. Cmdr. M. A. Ranson, on Nov. 25 dismissed the charges on grounds that there was "no proof."

Mulzac stated yesterday: "I am innocent of the charges preferred against me. I feel that I was subjected to a lot of humiliation before my crew and everyone else and the Coast Guard by its own admission couldn't prove anything."

Capt. Mulzac, out of uniform, revealed he had recently renewed his license with the Coast Guard for the sixth time. He was the first Negro to captain a ship during the war. The victory was won by the determined efforts of the captain as well as through the efforts of the National Negro Congress, the NNU and other organizations. Born in St. Vincent, B.W.I., 60 years ago, Mulzac has been a seagoing man for the last 40 years. During World